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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - WAYNE MILLS DEPARTURE AND SECRETARY
RIPLEY'S FIELD TRIP

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 364 (NOTAL): (B) STATE 005560

FOR SCIENCE COUNSELOR WILLIAMS

1. SMI EXPECTS SEND MAKEPEACE TO NEW DELHI EARLY FEBRUARY.
UNFORTUNATELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ARRIVE BEFORE MILLS DEPARTURE
OR BEFORE RIPLEY' ARRIVAL IN CALCUTTA, BUT HE HOPES REMAIN UNTIL
AFTER RIPRLEY VISITS BOMBAY AND NEW DELHI TO DELIVER TATA MEMORIAL
LECTURES AND DEPARTS INDIA AROUND MARCH 8.

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2. SMI WELCOMES EMBASSY SUGGESTION DR. WILLIAMS SUPERVISE

OPERATIONS LOCALLY DURING INTERIM. BELIEVES MURTHY, UNDER WILLIAMS SUPERVISION, SHOULD BE ABLE HANDLE ROUTINE MATTERS OF OFFICE AND ANY DUTIES ARISING FROM RIPLEY ARRIVAL. HOWEVER, IF WILLIAMS FINDS

NECESSARY TO HIRE ADDITIONAL HELP ON TEMPORARY CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL (A), HE IS AUTHORIZED TO DO SO FOR MAXIMUM TWO MONTHS. CHARGE APPROPRIATION 33X0102 GRANT SFC-2-0434.

3. MILLS ACCOUNTS ARE CURRENT UP TO DECEMBER 1, 1974.

4. DAVID LECONTE (SMITHSONIAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION) REQUESTS MILLS RETURN ALL UNEXPENDED GRANT FUNDS WHICH REMAIN IN MILLS PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT, OR IN HIS POSSESSION, TO EMBASSY FOR CREDIT TO GRANT SFC-2-0434 BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE IF POSSIBLE.

5. SMI WISHES TO CONTINUE PAYMENTS NECESSARY TO MEET PAYROLL AND ANY OUTSTANDING OR CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY SMITHSONIAN'S

NEW DELHI OFFICE. SFR THEREFORE DESIGNATES, AND SMI APPROVES, WILLIAMS AND/OR BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER AS SFR REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS. WILLIAMS AND/OR BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH MILLS ASSISTANT, MURTHY, ON ACTUAL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE, AND MECHANISM FOR ACCOMPLISHING SUCH PAYMENTS. CHARGE AS ABOVE.

6. WITH REGARD PREPARATIONS FOR RIPLEY TRIP, WE BELIEVE CONGEN CALCUTTA CAN ARRANGE LOGISTICS OF ARRIVAL AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL NEED NOT TRAVEL CALCUTTA FOR THAT PURPOSE UNLESS SO REQUESTED BY CONGEN CALCUTTA. RIPLEY PLANS REMAIN CALCUTTA ONLY FEW HOURS BEFORE FLYING IN TATA COMPANY PLANE TO JAMSHEDPUR FOR RENDEZVOUS WITH DR. SALIM ALI.

7. RIPLEY AND WIFE BEAR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. RIPLEY TRAVEL SUBJECT SEPARATE CABLE.

8. MILLS DEPARTURE SUBJECT SEPARATE SIMULTANEOUS CABLE.

9. FOR NEW DELHI: (A) DR. WILLIAMS PLEASE NOTE RETURN OF FUNDS TO EMBASSY IS SINGLE MOST HELPFUL STEP MILLS COULD TAKE BEFORE DEPARTURE IF FEASIBLE. (B) UNLESS PROBLEMS DEVELOP IN CONNECTION UNCLASSIFIED

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RIPLEY TRIP, PRIMARY ASSISTANCE BY EMBASSY IS TO ARRANGE FOR SMITHSONIAN VEHICLE WITH DRIVER, JOSEPH, TO ARRIVE IN JAMSHEDPUR ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 AS PER STATE REFTEL. (NOTE DATE NOW THIRTY FIRST.) (C) RIPLEY REQUESTS WILLIAMS TO OPEN ANY LETTERS HE ADDRESSES TO MILLS. (D) IF NO OBJECTION PLEASE OBTAIN FROM PX AND SEND WITH SMITHSONIAN VEHICLE TO JAMSHEDPUR FOLLOWING ITEMS: 5 JARS OF JAM, 3 LARGE SQUARE BOXES OF CRACKERS (SODA CRACKER TYPE), 4 TINS OF BUTTER.

10. FOR CALCUTTA: (A) PERMITS AND LODGING BEING ARRANGED BY
SALIM ALI THROUGH LOCAL FORESTRY OFFICIALS. (B) NOTE RIPLEY
TRAVELING TO JAMSHEDPUR BY PRIVATE PLANE AND WILL NOT NEED
CONGEN ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSPORT FROM CALCUTTA.
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